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The pattern of substantial progress and growth at the EROS Data Center continued throughout 1975.

Staffing increased to approximately 375, with the majority of the new personnel hired to professional scientific ^{OR ENGINEERING} positions. The proposed budget of nearly \$10 million for next year includes a projected payroll of about \$5 million.

During the summer, between ^{3,400} ~~2,000~~ and ^{5,100} ~~3,000~~ visitors toured the Data Center each month.

A continuous program of training activities included two international workshops attended by 50 scientists and resource managers from 28 non-U.S. nations.

All of these growth factors--the addition of scientific personnel, expansion of the Center's training activities, and the increasing numbers of technical and casual visitors contributed to a substantial increase in Data Center related airline passenger miles flown into and out of Sioux Falls and motel room occupancies in the city.

The number of frames of aircraft photography and spacecraft imagery in the Center's data base exceeded the 6 million mark during the year. Average monthly production is nearing \$200,000.

Major new installations in the main facility included a \$4 million dollar Burroughs 6700 computer complex; three sophisticated digital analysis systems in the Data Analysis Laboratory; and new microfilm camera and processors, an industrial 52-inch color processor, and new printers in the production area.

Construction is progressing on the 15,000-square-foot Facility ^y ~~Support~~ Building, the first major additional construction activity at the Center. The half-million dollar building will house 10,000 square feet of supply and equipment storage, of which 1,000 square feet will be cold storage for photo sensitive materials, and a 5,000-square-foot support and service area which will include carpenter, machine, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical shop facilities.